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Appointment of the present Director of Public Instruction.

* 469 Q.—SRI C. KANDASAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the appointment of the present Director of Public Instruction has been made according to rules governing such appointments?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The answer is in the affirmative."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" May I know what are the rules governing such appointments? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member may kindly refer to the relevant Service Rules."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the person appointed as Director is a retired Government officials? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am afraid, the hon. Member is very much behind time."

SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" May I know whether there was any objection to the Government appointing an outsider as Director of Public Instruction, just as they did in the case of the Inspector-General of Registration? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This is a selection post and we could select anybody."

SRI A. RAMASAMY TEVAR :—" May I know from the Hon. the Minister why the hon. Member, Mr. Kandaswami, entertains such strange ideas about the appointment? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" How can the Hon. the Minister answer it? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" They are always very suspicious about the actions of the Government."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM ;—" டைரெக்டர் ஆப் பப்ளிக் இன்ஸ்ட்ரக்ஷன் ஆக நியமிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிற அதிகாரியைவிட சீனியராக வேறு எந்த அதிகாரியாவது அந்த டிபார்ட்மெண்ட்டில் வேலை செய்கிறார்களா? அப்படி இருந்தால் அவரை ஏன் நியமிக்கவில்லை என்பதற்கு காரணம் கூறுவாரா? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As I have already stated, this is a selection post. There is one person who is senior. The merits of the two candidates were considered and on merits the present incumbent was selected."

SRI S. THINAKARASWAMI THEVAR :—" Sir, may I know from the Hon. the Minister whether it is not a fact that a most efficient and most deserving person has been appointed as Director of Public Instruction? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am really thankful for the compliment given by the hon. Member."